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REPORT SUGGESTS PLAN TO PROMOTE EXPORT MARKET

James Committee's Recommendation—Sessional Program at Ottawa Promises Price Floors

SOCIAL SECURITY PLANS

Colin Groff Leaves W.P.T.B. to Become Secretary Federation of Agriculture

By M. McDOUGALL
(Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, Feb. 2nd.—The definite promise of legislation during the session to ensure floor prices for staple farm products is one of the outstanding features of a sessional program which is concerned with extensive and concrete plans to deal with post-war problems. The establishment of floor prices, which fulfills a promise made some weeks ago, aims at giving farmers a feeling of security about their position in those post-war years about which so little can be foreseen and about which there must naturally be a great deal of anxiety.

Clearing Paths for World Trade

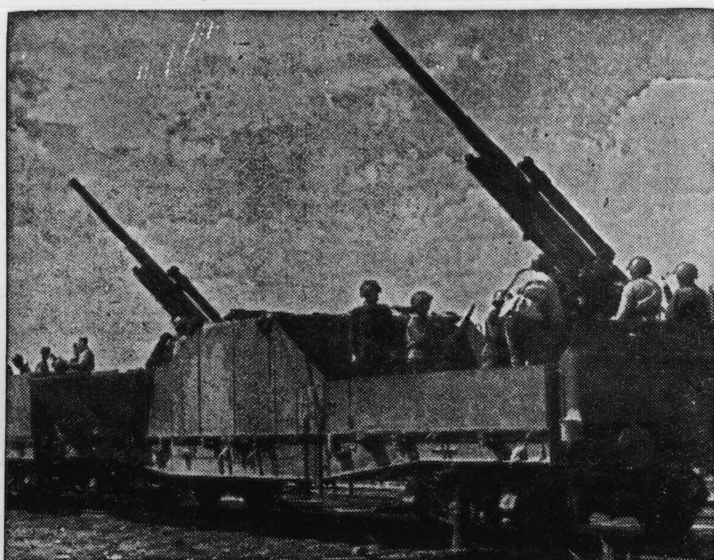
It is to be noted that the program lays emphasis on the need of assisting, in every way the country can, in laying clear the paths for the resumption and increase in international trade. In this the farmers are quite as much interested as any other part of the community, as the farming industry cannot be prosperous without a thriving export trade. Canada is going to play its part in the relief of suffering peoples in Europe—this through an extension of mutual aid—and is also going to help in the rehabilitation of the economy of the nations that have been held in subjection by the Nazis. The speedy return of these countries to industrial life is essential to a genuine revival of trade.

Wheat Marketing Council

In the report presented to parliament by the Advisory Committee on Reconstruction under the chairmanship of Dr. F. Cyril James, was the suggestion that the Dominion Government should establish a national wheat marketing council "to promote the increased export of Canadian wheat and wheat products," to be financed first by Federal funds and later by an annual levy of not more than one-half of one per cent of the value of the wheat exported.

The report dealt also with the post-war development of new markets, as well as retention of present markets for cattle, bacon, apples, poultry, etc., which would be aided by the reduction of trade restrictions and if this is not sufficient, by the negotiation of trade agreements. The report also advocated that research on the utilization of farm products be extended, and that a new government-supported laboratory limited to research on utilization

Armored Trains Baltic Battle Factor



As the Soviet armies seize railway after railway from the Nazis in the drive towards the Baltic, armored trains like the above are brought into play as soon as tracks can be restored. This takes time, as the gauge has to be changed. The Russians showed themselves masters of combat by armored train during early stages of the siege of Leningrad.

Co-op. Refineries Sales Over \$2,276,000

Sales for the last fiscal year, ending November 30th, 1943, were over \$2,276,000, it was reported at the recent annual meeting of Consumers' Co-operative Refineries in Regina. Total assets of the co-op are now \$1,477,000, equity of the members totalling upwards of \$950,000. The year's net earnings were \$149,277.

Farmers are urged by the Canadian Wheat Board to deliver wheat up to their full quotas, at points where space is available.

Alberta's hog population in 1943 was not only the largest in the history of the Province, and the largest of any Province in Canada, but it was larger than any other Province had ever had. The highest figure for Ontario was in 1911.

of farm products and with facilities for pilot plant investigations, be established in the Prairie Provinces.

The reconstruction and social security measures which the Government intends to introduce are too well known to require much explanation. A few words might, however, be said about them. The domestic legislative program is very comprehensive. The department of pensions and national health has already made pretty full arrangements to help members of the armed forces to rehabilitate themselves after they are demobilized. Beyond the statement that these arrangements

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FEDERATION HAS BROAD VISION OF TASKS OF FUTURE

Asks Removal of Legal and Fiscal Obstacles to Co-operatives' Development

BRITISH VISITOR SPEAKS

Agreement Among Export and Import Nations Essential to Satisfactory Farm Prices

By COLIN G. GROFF
Secretary, Canadian Federation of Agriculture

Announcement that Mr. Groff has become Secretary of the C.F.A. was made this week. Further reference to this excellent appointment appears on our editorial page.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2nd.—A broad and comprehensive vision of the part that Canadian Agriculture is destined to play in the whole problem of post-war reconstruction, characterized the addresses and discussions at the Eighth Annual Convention of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture at Quebec last week.

President Hannam, in his annual report, recorded the increasingly strong role the Federation was playing in helping to shape agricultural policies here at home, paying tribute to the cordial relations existing with officials at Ottawa, and the close collaboration effected during the past year. He emphasized that the intelligent planning of a nation-wide production and marketing program for Agriculture in the post-war period, and measures to be taken to achieve equality for agriculture, were among the major issues before the Canadian nation.

Mr. Hannam further stressed the importance of a proper study of the proposed program of floor prices, so that farm people might be assured of a satisfactory level of purchasing power. He voiced also the producers' fear that when the war-time subsidy program is discontinued, it might not be followed by the adoption of a balanced price policy which will correct the farmers' relative price position.

A Convention Highlight

A highlight of the Convention was the address of Lord de la Warr, head of British Agricultural Research, who crystallized the sentiments of the Federation delegates in his declaration that if the farmers of Canada and other nations were to implement the Atlantic Charter and Hot Springs Conference by producing for abundance, producers must be assured of both a satisfactory price and market for their products, and that could be done only by international agreement among both importing and exporting nations, in which the matter of definite contracts at agreed prices would play a vital part.

Lord de la Warr made it plain that Britain had no intention of attempting

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ON CO-OP EXECUTIVE

D. H. Smith of Cereal has been appointed to the Executive of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association, succeeding J. K. Sutherland. Rudolph Hennig has been appointed a member of the Board of the Co-operative.

The farm safety committee recently set up in the U.S. as a branch of the National Safety Council, will endeavor to bring to the attention of the farm people the "unsafe acts and unsafe conditions which year after year kill about 18,000 farm people and injure 225,000 others."

Can Fill Only 10,000 of 26,000 Tractor Orders

Of 26,000 orders for tractors, only 10,000 could be filled, declared J. Macgregor Smith, Professor of Engineering at the University of Alberta, in the course of an address on the farm machinery shortage, before the annual agricultural short course in Calgary last week. Careful use of farm machinery, and ordering repairs well in advance, were suggested as means of meeting this serious problem. Discussion on this topic was led by Howard P. Wright. Other important addresses were given by R. M. Putnam, A. J. Charnetski, H. J. Mather, A. M. Wilson, Dr. C. Farstad, Andrew Stewart, R. H. Painter, Dr. Ross Walton, Prof. J. W. G. MacEwan and Dr. R. D. Sinclair. Attended by several hundreds of farmers, the course was sponsored jointly by the Calgary Board of Trade and the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

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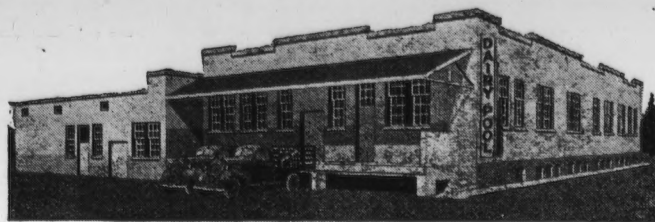
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The Top Nine Inches

By HOWARD P. WRIGHT

MY good friend, William Burns, and I had dinner together one day last fall and he asked me if I would write something of mutual interest for the S.A.D.P. section in *The Western Farm Leader*, as President of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association. I appreciate the opportunity of expressing a few thoughts to the members of the S.A.D.P. and the many others who read the columns of this farm paper.

Important Thing in Common

Choosing one's own subject always makes it a little difficult, but we have one important thing in common and one with which we are all concerned: The Good Earth, this Land of ours, our precious heritage from which all of us, members of the S.A.D.P. and our own and all other agrarians, derive their livelihood.

Everyone of the 100,000 farmers in Alberta uses seed of some sort or other. He cannot help himself, and I am pleased to say that more attention, more careful attention is being paid by many farmers to selection of seed as to variety, suitability, purity and so on, than ever before. Possibly the forage crop seed growers of our organization have the most direct contact with the dairy producers, in that they are producing the seeds for those fine succulent and leafy pastures and good stacks of hay.

Dairymen and others today are using more and more pounds of different combinations of legumes and grasses that best suit their localities. Our members produce nine kinds of these seeds and much literature is available on how to seed forage crops and what the advantages are of certain

combinations.

I said that we had one thing in common and that was this heritage of ours: the Good Earth. I could say more about the work of our two Associations in their marketing of farm produce, but let me just say that we are both essential and necessary and are doing the best job we know how, and I submit to my readers that we are serving our producers well and to their advantage.

Thoughts on Reconstruction

We hear and read a great deal about postwar Reconstruction in agriculture and every other line and I am sure that Mr. Burns and other readers will not think I am presumptuous in expressing a few thoughts on this page.

I have covered a good deal of Alberta both by train and car, and it gives one an opportunity to make many observations. Being a farmer, it is only natural to look at other farms from a farmer's point of view. I am always struck by the tremendous variation in farms, farm homes, farm buildings, farming practices, right in the same neighborhood.

Of course, there are some valid reasons; whole districts and areas have been subjected to the extremes of production hazards, and generally speaking these conditions reflect themselves in the surroundings.

Are we doing all that we can and should to preserve the top nine inches of our Province? Are we deeply conscious of the stewardship that is given to each one of us in the handling of our soils? If not, what can be done to drive home the necessity of a father using every effort and farming practice that will enable him to pass on to his son or daughter a farm still capable of providing sufficient return to maintain a satisfactory way of life?

Not Economic Problem Only

Some will say this is purely an economic problem. Butter is too cheap, hogs should be higher, beef is too low and all agricultural products should be raised in value?

Maybe it is partly so, but I submit to my reader that even with the prevailing scale over a period of years, many many farmers have built up fine homes, educated sons and daughters and are buying Victory Bonds in substantial quantities, so it cannot be economic altogether.

Is it management or education? I believe in the main, these two are tied very closely together and it matters not which school you get it from.

Are our Governments doing all that could be done to develop this consciousness of stewardship?

I'm going to pass a criticism on our Provincial administrations, both past and present. It has always seemed strange to me, that in a Province as largely agricultural as Alberta and owning our own Crown lands, that "Land and Agriculture" are not in the same Department of Government.

Our Guest Contribution

We have the privilege of publishing in this issue as our guest contribution, an article by Mr. Howard P. Wright. The article, as our readers will agree, is both thought provoking and constructive and contains a number of important practical suggestions. Mr. Wright is President of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association, a genuine farmers' co-operative which is giving service of the highest value to our farm community. He has played a leading part for many years past in activities designed to raise the status of farming in this Province.

WILLIAM BURNS,
President.

Land, Forestry and Agriculture Inseparable

The Department of Agriculture is charged with the responsibility of production, agricultural extension services, etc., but the land itself is administered by another department headed by another Minister. Now, it would only seem sound and most practical to tie Land, Agriculture and Forestry together. To my mind they are inseparable. In any postwar settlement scheme I cannot see how long-term permanent plans can be worked out in any other way.

Our Department of Agriculture spends slightly over 3 per cent of the Provincial revenue and on the other hand Agriculture is responsible for over 95 per cent of our gross production.

Maybe tradition tied Lands and Mines together, but I submit the Government can show a lead in creating and developing a land consciousness in establishing an Agricultural Department patterned in this manner. I sincerely trust that something of this nature will be included in the report of the Government Committee on Postwar Reconstruction.

Another incident that seemed so important to me was the closing of one of our Schools of Agriculture, and apparently it caused but little protest. Surely, when it can be shown, as has been done in other Provinces, that there is a direct relationship between success on a farm and the education of the husband and wife, we should be alive to our own interests in maintaining and even expanding this type of Institution. In my opinion, there is no better way of spending public funds than in bringing these young men and women together, giving them a better appreciation of Agriculture as a way of life.

I have just read an interesting review of a new society called "Friends of the Land". The membership is very broad and its sole purpose and aim is to create a consciousness of the value of the top nine inches of soil, as when it goes, so goes civilization. Probably we need a similar society in our own Province.

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"TARGETS FOR TOMORROW"

Brownlee Defines Major Post-war Objectives

"NEVER in the world's history have the nations faced such colossal and difficult problems as the close of the war will bring," declared Hon. J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., Vice-President of the United Grain Growers, in an evening address during U.F.A. Convention week. We could hope for "no pot of gold at the rainbow's end," he said. "The post-war years will be what we make of them, and we will still succeed by patience, diligence, toil and sweat."

Mr. Brownlee's subject was "Targets for Tomorrow," and he held the close attention and interest of a large audience of delegates and visitors from country and city, as he defined with great force and clarity the aims which in his judgment our people should seek to realize in the difficult days to come. While the future of Western Canadian agriculture occupied prior place in his thought, he showed the intimate relationship between the well-being of the farmers of the prairies and the solution of problems worldwide in range.

Staggers the Imagination

Dislocation of manpower had taken place upon a scale unprecedented in history. Never had so many gone from civil life into the armed forces and into war industries. "The problem of readjusting this great movement of population, without permitting any great amount of unemployment," said Mr. Brownlee, "staggers the imagination. Fortunately, with the scarcity of consumers' goods, a great backlog of demand has been created, which will help out for a time, and even the devastation and destruction in the war-torn countries of Europe should create demand for goods from Canada, but with all that, I can say to you quite honestly that I dread the post-war years."

So one of our principal targets must be to see to it that "to the extent of all the resources of the Dominion, a policy of full employment shall prevail, and that unemployment to any substantial degree shall not again rear its ugly head in Canada." This "cancerous growth in the body politic" had manifested itself in tragic form in the great depression of the dismal nineteen-thirties. It would not be easy after the war to keep the great numbers released from its activities at profitable and constructive work, and it was neither "economical nor good for morale to put men to work building roads like the coolies in China, when machines can do it much better."

It would not be wise to become weary of planning and discussing post-war reconstruction merely because the

subject was old. Germany had carefully planned for the war, and nearly won it. "Anything," Mr. Churchill had said, "is better than not having a plan", and in the words of *The New Statesman and Nation*, "War, Famine and Revolution are now the alternatives to world organization."

First of All Major Targets

First among all the major targets to shoot at—the most important national objective—Mr. Brownlee defined as: "to enlarge markets for Canadian products and establish freer trade relations internationally . . . the Government of Canada, representing one of the largest food producing nations, should take the lead in promoting freer international trade."

The speaker regarded this as fundamental because he believed "in a program of abundance, not scarcity." Whatever economy might be set up, "Capitalism, State Control or Socialism", it were "better for our Western farmers to be able to sow 27 million acres annually than 15 million," and an annual production of "450 million pounds of bacon was better than 150." Wide markets created wide demand, and "wide demands created good prices." Lacking export markets "prices to our farmers can only be maintained by guarantees which inevitably cause a drain upon the treasury, and which again must be met by taxation. Canada's millions of acres of arable land under proper farming methods produce far more than ten million people can consume."

We should aim at a "Free Trade Peace", signatories of the Atlantic Charter had proclaimed that they "will endeavor with due respect to their existing obligations to further the enjoyment of all states, great or small, victor or vanquished, of access on equal terms to the trade and raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity." The International Food Conference at Hot Springs, Virginia, had recommended, among other things, "the removal of all barriers to international trade."

"More and Better Food"

"More and Better Food", the next target to be aimed at, was another whose importance the Food Conference had emphasized—"one of the notable conferences of all time, because the representatives of 44 allied countries, including Russia, were able to assemble in a spirit of friendship to consider problems of interest to the world at large." Its purpose was the implementing of the sixth clause in the Atlantic Charter, that "after the final destruction of Nazi tyranny," a peace should be established that "will afford assurance that all the men in all the lands may live out their lives in freedom from fear and want."

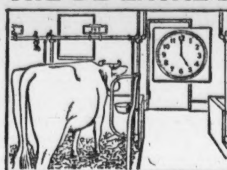
To realize what "More and Better Food" meant for farmers, internationally as well as nationally, it was important to remember that in India and China a considerable proportion of the population even in normal times did not get enough to eat, and similar conditions prevailed in all Eastern lands.

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on good diets, 38 per cent on fair and 35 per cent on poor. The Bureau of Home Economics of the United States had set forth that "the chance to reach potential new markets among our own lower income groups is the most hopeful prospect in a clouded world-market situation." Two-thirds of the families of the United States had been living on an average cash income of only \$69 a month, a U.S. official in charge of surplus removal and marketing agreement plans had stated. For millions this left only about 5 cents a meal for food, and,

said this report, "families who are forced to live at the 5-cents-a-meal level cannot buy the amounts or kinds of food they need. (More or less comparable conditions no doubt ordinarily existed in Canada.)

This official estimated that if all the people of the United States were afforded proper diets, the national expenditure for food alone would be increased by two billion dollars. "In other words," said Mr. Brownlee, "the revenue of the farmers of the United States would be increased by

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REORGANIZATION OF C.B.C.

The resolution concerning the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation which was unanimously adopted by the Annual Convention of the U.F.A. in Calgary, calls attention to the gravity of the present position and makes clear the necessity for early remedial action by the Government. It goes to the heart of the matter.

For this reason, though the resolution is a somewhat lengthy one, we quote it in full:

"Whereas, it is in the public interest that all radio broadcasting be under the effective control of some independent and impartial public authority, and

"Whereas, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation was created for the purpose of maintaining freedom and independence in both public and commercial broadcasting, and for the purpose of maintaining proper standards of quality with respect to the use of language, music and drama in trust for all of the people of Canada, to the end that freedom of the air and proper aesthetic standards shall be kept inviolate, and

"Whereas, there is grave public concern that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has not been able to maintain the free and independent position which it should have if the objects for which it was created are to be carried out, and

"Whereas, the long delay in appointing a competent general manager, together with the fact that there are several vacancies on the Board of Governors has resulted in public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the Corporation being impaired;

"Therefore be it resolved, that this Convention is of the opinion that the Parliament of Canada should take immediate steps to establish more effectively the powers of control of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as a public authority over all broadcasting within the Dominion, so that it may be independent and free from all government or other interference, provided it stays within the limits of the powers given to it by Parliament, and

"Further that a competent person be forthwith appointed as general manager of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and that the Prime Minister on behalf of the Government of Canada should forthwith make a public declaration that the independence and integrity of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation will be maintained and that the standard of public broadcasting will be upheld so that it may become an effective, unbiased instrument in the creation of an informed and enlightened public opinion."

In passing that resolution, we believe the Convention voiced the views not only of the farm people, but of the great majority of radio listeners who have given thought to the present situation and the means by which it might be changed.

Broadcasting today enters intimately into the life of almost all of us. Its establishment upon a sound basis is imperatively necessary. We trust that the resolution will be fully discussed in Parliament during the present session, and that the Prime Minister will give the assurances which he has been asked to give.

IN FARMERS' INTEREST

Every now and then the services of some of those who have worked for the farm movement to its great advantage in positions of great responsibility, are temporarily lost in the particular fields in which

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*The world's conscience stirs, and man perceives
Futility in all his great machines,
If to an outworn way of life he cleaves,
And hunger still the human race demeans.
So many freedoms golden voices flaunt
To come when time is ripe to wave the wand,
But freedom now from spectral hands of want
Would point the way to those that lie beyond.*

*How simple is aspiring man's demand
That poverty, which plenty mocks, shall end,
And that his home secure and steadfast stand
When winds of chance its stalwart frame would rend
Thus fortified his willing mind would lean
To other freedoms—learning what they mean.*

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and at the time when their executive ability can be most valuable to agriculture.

Their active work for the movement goes on as before. They continue to be among its important assets. But for a period their knowledge and experience may become less available, just when and where these acquirements are most needed in practical affairs.

Fortunately for agriculture, such losses are sometimes only temporary. In our judgment, in the interest of the movement, which must be superior to the desires of the individual concerned, it is wise in such times as these for farm people to insist upon making the fullest possible use—in one field or another—of the abilities of the executive who has proved his quality.

We are thinking at the moment, of course, of Jack Sutherland.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT

Announcement is made elsewhere that Colin G. Groff, a very able newspaper man of wide experience, has been appointed Secretary of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Mr. Groff was formerly Director of Publicity for Alberta, and after leaving this Province he took a similar position in Nova Scotia, where he gave his principal attention to the agricultural field.

Some time after the war began Mr. Groff was given leave of absence to serve on the Wartime Prices and Trade Board where, since he became chief of information services, the needs of agriculture have been given greatly increased attention by his department.

A Westerner during most of his life, he knows the Eastern Provinces as thoroughly as he knows the West. We think the Directors of the Federation have made a good appointment.

MUSTERING OUT PAY

It is all to the good that Parliament should be called upon to consider proposals for "mustering out pay" for service men and women when their work is done.

The mustering out pay will be useful; but neither the soldiers and sailors and airmen and airwomen nor those who have continued in civilian life, will be satisfied if this is to be merely a bridge between service in the forces and unemployment.

There should be no mustering out of Canada's defenders until they can be assured of the opportunity to make a tolerable living in useful employment.

DIARY OF A "GUPPY"

Nights on Parade and Off Duty

(This is the sixth in a series of excerpts from the diary of Corporal Catherine Goldsmith, C.W.A.C.)

Back at the hut we'd paw through the mail. If there was one letter we were happy. If there were two we'd gloat; the day was perfect. If there were more than two we'd faint. Except for the nights we'd go on parade the evening was our own.

On the nights we had to parade we'd go down to the armories. I hated it deeply and bitterly because there were five sergeants drilling five platoons and their shouts would echo and re-echo until we were confused and bewildered. They'd call us dumb. They'd ask if we were deaf. They'd tell me that if I came on parade with my pocket flaps stuck in once more I'd lose my late pass. (They didn't know that being mere school girls we didn't have a late pass but one did not explain that to THEM). The sergeants were trying to train a couple of corporals, who didn't know as much as we did, to drill us. The corporals would let us walk across the square, up the wall and half way across the ceiling before they'd give us the command to halt or to turn. Thank goodness drill was only once a week.

On other nights we'd study or write letters. I used to write ten or twelve per week. I'd write one letter and use it as a sample for the rest. Nearly every night I mended a pair of stockings. Some nights I washed and hung my laundry to dry on the rifle racks.

That One Ironing Table

When we'd get desperate we'd go over to "L9" to iron. There was one ironing table for 120 girls, so we'd go prepared to wait and were never disappointed. I usually took my buttons and shoes to polish while I waited for the iron. If we didn't do our buttons at night, we'd never

get them done. Just before I left they put a plug in our hut, and we used to iron on the rickety table which always collapsed a couple of times.

If we wanted a shower, we'd take it at night and for privacy we'd take a blanket along. There were no shower curtains, so we'd stick the blanket up to act as a screen. It always fell down in all the water before we were through, but we could always hope.

At ten o'clock each night the roll was called for the schoolgirls. Everyone thought it was funny, and we were ribbed unmercifully. Sometimes we weren't all there, but we had friends and got by. Once "Sinkie" and I were late. We had missed every street car and practically ran down in our haste. However, nothing was said and we were signed in on time.

The windows in the hut were situated just above the heads of the girls in the upper bunks. I had a window at my head and a gas heater at my feet. If the window was shut I would cook and if it was open I had a cold breeze blowing directly on my head all night. The girls in the next bunk were in the same predicament, so this is how we solved the problem: We took turns at having the windows open. Every night we'd have an argument over whose turn it was to freeze. It seemed to me that it was my turn to freeze rather often. Then, suddenly, without warning, the lights would go out. We'd struggle into bed and the day was over.

(To be continued)

As well as providing for domestic requirements, Canadian growers are shipping several million pounds of vegetable seeds to Britain.

For "more effective prosecution of the war" all properties of the Eldorado Mining and Refining Company have been taken over by the Federal Government.

1st, 1943, and that payment be made to farmer who sold on open market of difference between price he received and \$1.25, participation certificates to be issued to cover such wheat so that farmer may participate in further payments;

Asked that "with a set price to packers" there be "a set price to the hog producers"; asked price of at least 20 cents per lb. be provided by subsidy or otherwise at delivery points in the West; sought removal of restrictions on local butchering and marketing of sows and heavies; proposed Dominion Department of Agriculture investigate present hog grading system "to bring grades on which our hogs are bought in Canada into line with the grades on which they are sold on the British market";

Requested Dominion Government to provide for guaranteed price of at least 12 cents per lb. for good butcher steers at stockyards; to open U.S. outlet for cattle, and to endeavor to retain this valuable market;

Urged admission of refugees from Portugal and other countries, as emergency policy, with no bearing on future immigration, the refugees not to be settled in groups, Federal responsibility for any relief or other assistance to be assumed.

Stressed importance of maintaining Alaska Highway as permanent road for peace-time communication;

Called for every reasonable device to be used to assure farmers' needs for tractor fuels are fully met; and declared that labor and equipment necessary for war effort could be greatly conserved by permitting only one graded fuel for civilian consumption.

Urged Alberta Government expand facilities of University and Depart-

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What U.F.A. Annual Convention Did

Elected officers for 1944; heard important addresses bearing upon the problems of agriculture; took action upon various matters reported elsewhere, and

Welcomed announcement of Prime Minister King that floors will be placed under prices of farm products, and suggested that details be announced as soon as possible;

Asked Dominion Government to set up one commission for Eastern and one for Western Canada to report on cost of producing farm products, organized farmers and universities to be adequately represented on commissions;

Urged lowering of tariff on British goods;

Asked continuance of winter bonus on butterfat through summer months and for two months after end of war;

Recommended Dominion Government encourage expansion of sugar beet industry to full capacity;

Requested Ottawa restore price of eggs to its former level;

Asked Government investigation of possible European market at fair prices for horses as draft animals or meat;

Proposed parity prices be defined as that ratio which ensures that farm income is to national income as farm population is to national population;

Urged bonuses for all growers of oats and barley, local elevator agent to go from farm to farm and measure bins to determine amount, affidavit to be sworn before bonus collectable;

Asked initial wheat payment of \$1.25 be made retroactive to August

THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

FARMERS' BULLETIN

NEW POLICY ON LAMB PRICES

Under Board Order 196, passed in October, 1942, wholesale ceiling prices were fixed for each classification of lamb, except spring lamb. These ceilings will continue until June 30, 1944.

On July 1st, a year-round wholesale ceiling price for all lamb except spring lamb, but including winter-fed lamb, will go into effect at 26¼ cents lb. carcass basis, zone six, with customary differentials applying in other zones. This will be the new wholesale ceiling in each succeeding year henceforth, for everything except spring lamb.

SPRING LAMB—Under Order 353, issued January 3, 1944, wholesale ceiling prices for spring lamb will now be as follows:

January 3 to April 30, 1944..... 34 cents lb.

May 1 to June 30, 1944..... 30 cents lb.

Prices are carcass basis, zone six, with customary differentials in other zones.

On July 1 a new Order will extend the 30 cents lb. spring lamb ceilings to July 15, and will provide that in each succeeding year, spring lamb ceilings will be as follows:

January 1 to April 30..... 34 cents lb.

May 1 to July 15..... 30 cents lb.

Prices are carcass basis, zone six, with customary differentials in other zones.

Spring lamb is defined as fresh meat from lambs born in the same year in which the meat is sold, or in the December previous.

MAPLE SYRUP—COUPON VALUES

The value of "Preserves" coupons when used for maple syrup, has been increased to 40 ozs. per coupon effective at once and continuing until May 31. After May the value will revert to 24 ozs. per coupon. The increase in coupon value to 40 ozs. will permit the purchase of one gallon with 4 "Preserves" coupons. Coupled with the fact that one-gallon containers will be available to syrup producers this season, the new coupon value will facilitate marketing and should be an encouragement to production.

The value of "Preserves" coupons for Maple Sugar has been raised from ½ pound to 2 pounds, effective throughout the year.

CONDITIONAL SALES OF MILL FEED

All conditional sales of flour with Mill Feed from millers to feed dealers, and from feed dealers to farmers, are now prohibited by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. Feed dealers are no longer obligated to accept any specific amount of flour with their mill feed orders. They will therefore be in a position to supply mill-feed requirements of their farmer customers, to the amount available, without imposing any conditions of flour purchases upon them. This applies to all contracts for the purchase of Mill Feeds made after January 21.

CUSTOM SLAUGHTERING AND DRESSING OF POULTRY

Order No. A-1056—Effective January 13, 1944.

Under this Order the custom slaughtering and dressing of poultry is declared a "service" with maximum fees set as follows:—

Chicken, over 3 lbs.....	8c. per bird	Ducks.....	15c. per bird
Chicken, 3 lbs. and under....	6c.	Geese.....	20c.
Fowl.....	7c.	Turkeys.....	12c.

STORAGE CHARGES ON POTATOES

Order No. A-929—Effective October 21, 1943.

This order setting the ceiling prices for potatoes provides that storage charges may be added to the ceiling prices in each zone commencing January 10, 1944. The total storage charges that can be added in the period from February 7 to March 5 are 10c. per 75 lb. bag; 15c. per 100 lb. bag.

FARMERS WHO KILL MEAT FOR THEIR OWN USE

Farmers who kill meat for use on their own farms or for neighbouring farmers do not need Slaughtering Permits, but should notify their nearest Local Ration Board. If you have not already done so, use the form below so that each month you will receive a postage-free return envelope in which to turn in unused meat coupons together with coupons received from the sale of any meat to other farmers.

To: THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD,

I am a producer of meat. Please send me monthly postage-free addressed envelope for the return to you of meat coupons.

(Name)

(Address)

No. of persons usually residing on my farm premises.....

I do intend to sell meat to other farmers.

I do not (Cross out that which does not apply.)

For fuller details of any of the above orders apply to the nearest office of The Wartime Prices and Trade Board.



Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section

POULTRY SPECIAL



Poultry Conservation for Victory To All Our Members and Friends

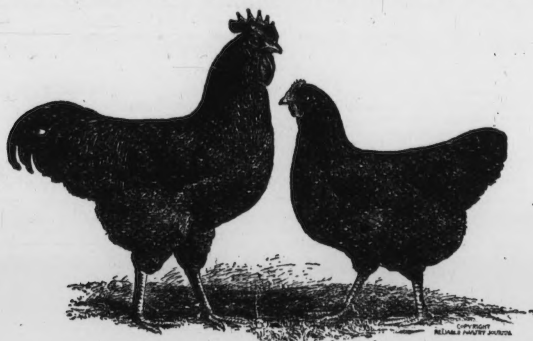
By The Western Farm Leader's Graduate Veterinarian

Conservation of poultry flocks is essential to ensure the best result from your efforts to meet the greatly increased needs of wartime production. Here are a few hints that will be useful:

1. **Housing Space.**—Employ one of the following methods to provide safe, adequate housing space for the pullets.
 - (a) Sell all old stock except breeding flocks one or two weeks before housing pullets, to prevent infectious diseases. These may be transmitted from the old stock to the pullets even though

early June. Be certain to cull the old hens carefully.

2. **Sanitation.**—Remove all litter, nesting material and droppings; scrape, sweep, scrub and scald the floor. One can of household lye to each 15 gallons of very hot water applied to the cleaned floor destroys coccidia



the adults have no visible symptoms, or

- (b) House pullets in a separate building. If the old stock has been housed in more than one building, cull the hens rigidly one or two weeks before housing the pullets and combine to make one or more houses available for pullets only, or

- (c) Cull the old stock and move the layers into laying shelters in May or

and parasite eggs. When the floor is dry apply an approved disinfectant to floor and walls. Spray or paint the roosts and droppings boards with a reliable oil base insecticide to destroy mites. Scrub all equipment and if possible expose to sunshine for a day or two.

3. **If Out of Doors.**—If the layers are allowed out of doors, remove boards large stones and trash from around

Canada, the Empire and the rest of the world require increased production this year from our farmers, of all Dairy Produce. Eggs and Poultry are generally considered as being included in such a program and so we have dedicated this number as a "Poultry Special".

Peoples in other lands are in REAL need of such wholesome foods as eggs and poultry, and to protect you as a grower, our Governments are making extensive plans for the Post-War period, so you can "Produce with assurance".

It is your responsibility to produce, and your plants, on their part, will do their best to handle your goods efficiently and well. The combination will produce more eggs and poultry of a suitable quality, packaged and delivered in the proper form, and providing a much needed and sorely wanted food of excellent quality and flavor.

Yours for a successful egg and poultry production season.

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the building. To improve sanitation fill in low places with clean gravel.

4. **Ventilation.**—Provide proper intake of fresh air and outgo of foul air, without drafts. Regardless of climate and temperature provide some ventilation, even though the opening may be small. In cold climates insulated ceilings and walls are essential in maintaining sufficient difference between inside and outside temperatures to establish proper circulation of air. To provide adequate summer ventilation and distribution of light on the litter, install one window for each 10 to 12 feet of back wall space.

5. **Use of Litter.**—Use straw shavings, dry sawdust, a good commercial litter or other satisfactory material at least 3 inches in depth. If straw is used it should be mixed with one of the above mentioned materials. Stir and level litter once a week or oftener if necessary. Add some new litter each week or two until it is 6 inches deep by December first. In the absence of an outbreak of an infectious disease this built up litter need not be changed throughout the fall and winter months. Deep, highly absorbent litter reduces moisture and provides insulation for the floor. This practice does not increase disease hazards. If areas become wet from rain or spilled water, remove the wet litter at once, level the remaining litter and add new litter if necessary. This practice saves labor, time, and money. Deep, highly absorbent litter is one insurance against lowered egg production during cold weather.

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The Special Products Board announced last week that it had succeeded in buying for export to Britain twice as many eggs as it had obtained by the same date a year ago. All eggs shipped are in the form of dried egg powder.



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Methods followed by a successful commercial egg producer,
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A supply of crushed oats, wheat and barley is kept constantly
before the birds in hoppers, also a commercial poultry
concentrate.

Cod Liver Oil is poured over the whole grain in quantities of
about 2 ounces to 100 birds and fed at night.

Skim milk to the amount of 10 to 20 lbs. per 100 birds or semi-
solid buttermilk at 2 lbs. per 100 birds is fed daily.

Green feed, all the birds will eat, second or third cut alfalfa or
clover hay, is fed by the forkful on the litter. This, along
with the feeding of mangels or turnips daily, keeps the
birds busy and healthy.

The concentrate is used to offset shortages in milk.

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GREEN FEED KEEPS POULTRY IN FINE CONDITION.

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RED DEER and STETTTLER

BRITISH CO-OP. EXPANDS

Business of the Co-operative Wholesale
Society, England, for the nine
months ending October 9, 1943, showed
an increase of upwards of 5 per cent
over the volume for the same period
of the previous year.

CO-OPS FOR RELIEF

The use of co-operatives as sources
of supply and as a distributive network
in the organization of relief supplies
for liberated Europe has been endorsed
in a recent publication of the International
Labor Office, Montreal. The
publication is entitled "Co-operative
Organizations and Post-War Relief."

Endorse Plan for Close Co-operation Two Farmer Bodies

**A.F.U. Convention Supports U.F.A.
Proposal—Deals With Many
Important Issues**

Voting for a recommendation previously made in a resolution passed by the United Farmers of Alberta, in Convention, delegates to the annual convention of the Alberta Farmers' Union, in Edmonton last week, called for closer co-operation between the two organizations, with a view to ultimate amalgamation, and with joint executive meetings at least once a year. An earlier resolution urged affiliation with the trade union movement.

A "non-delivery strike" will be explored fully, by direction of the delegates, unless the Federal Government reverses "its present unfair attitude" towards Canadian farmers.

Experimental Community Farms

The report of a special committee on reconstruction dealt with education, crop insurance, parity prices, soil conservation, reforestation, rural electrification and security of tenure, and advocated that farmers organize as an industrial group in order to make their influence felt. It also recommended the setting up of an experimental community farm, which the convention amended to a request for establishment of three such farms in different parts of the Province.

An inquiry into the costs of collecting and packing salvage was urged; reduced freight rates were called for; grading of all produce and manufactured goods by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board was proposed; and cleaning facilities at shipping points, so that farmers could obtain dockage for feed purposes, was recommended.

Cash bonuses for veterans of the

Sees Big Role for Co-operatives in Rebuilding Europe

WASHINGTON.—"It is fitting that the centennial of the establishment of the truly democratic Rochdale principles is being celebrated by a conference of the committee on International Co-operative Reconstruction," declared President Roosevelt in a message to delegates of co-operatives of 22 nations, meeting here recently; "the weavers of Rochdale who founded modern co-operative enterprise, balanced independence with interdependence, self-interest with good will, and action with foresight." The co-operative movement, Mr. Roosevelt's message concluded, was an appropriate instrument for the task of relief and rehabilitation of the victims of Axis aggression.

armed forces with service outside of Canada, of not less than \$1,000 for the first year and \$50 for each additional month, are requested in a petition to the Federal Government which is to be circulated to all A.F.U. locals. The petition proposes further that such a cash bonus replace any land settlement scheme, and that the soldier settlement board be abolished. Cancellation of indebtedness of 6,000 soldier settlers, veterans of the war of 1914-18, was also urged.

Many Issues Dealt With

A summary of other resolutions carried by the convention follows: Demanding that the Federal Government "take control of all finance in Canada"; asking reduction of minimum age for Old Age Pensions from 70 to 60 years; urging lifting of embargo on shipment of sows and heavyweight hogs to the U.S.; asking an increase in the price of hogs; proposing a co-operative, inclusive hail insurance scheme, to be set up by the Provincial Government; recommending a school holiday from July 15th to October 1st; urging floor prices, to be set by the Federal Government, on all farm produce; with full protection against all debts until such parity prices are set; asking that farmers applying for tire permits for their cars be supplied at once; and suggesting employment of a travelling nurse to inspect children at rural schools at regular intervals.

Jackson Re-elected President

Harry Jackson, Irma, was re-elected president, defeating C. O. McGowan, Harry Hill. Four vice-presidents were also re-elected: Mr. McGowan, W. G. Logan, Holden, Mrs. W. J. Geddes, Winterburn, and Wm. Hawreluk, Jr., Wasel.

Membership in the A.F.U., the board's report indicated, totals 22,500, and the number of union locals increased last year from 450 to 500. Some 500 delegates were reported in attendance. Financial statements showed a surplus of revenue over expenditures of \$4,450, with a cash surplus of \$3,935.

"TARGETS FOR TOMORROW" (Continued from page 3)

The consensus of opinion among delegates to the Food Conference was that "if fair and average food standards could be provided to all the peoples of the world, agriculture as presently constituted could hardly provide the necessary requirements."

Vast International Undertaking

The speaker stressed the importance of another recent international conference at which was set up the United Nations' Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (UNRRA), to provide people in war-devastated areas with food, seed, medical services and clothing until these people can keep themselves. The estimated cost was two and a half billion dollars, of which Canada could contribute ninety millions at least. The world had never before heard of such a vast humanitarian undertaking, but it was not purely humanitarian, since "no nation can be prosperous in a world a considerable part of which is in poverty and misery."

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Mr. Brownlee presented price floors for farm products as a further target to aim at, expressing the opinion that the Government, sensing the feeling of resentment when in a time of rising wheat prices, the figure of \$1.25 was set for One Northern, had promised floor price legislation. "As a result of the work of the farm organizations a direct hit has almost been scored on this target." But there was a wide difference between floor prices and adequate floor prices, which it was the task of the farm organizations to seek to secure.

Another target to aim at was expansion of field and crop research (including research into industrial uses of farm products; even though in the latter there had been some disappointments; there had been important successes as well). In the Field Crops Department at Ottawa had been recently bred sawfly resistant wheat, and its work could be extended to development of new field crops.

Since no single factor in farming meant so much as the living and home conditions of the people engaged in it, farm improvements, extension of farm amenities, and the attainment of social security, were other targets of very great importance. Extension of Dominion Housing Legislation to provide funds at low rates of interest for needed repairs (some thought might be given to providing cottages for farm labor, to stabilise the labor problem); use of electricity on the farm, extended market road building, the promotion of community centres and playgrounds in rural communities, were to be desired to promote rural amenity. Mr. Brownlee also stressed the value of extended vocational training for agriculture, including mechanical training, and the great importance of an adequate system of long and intermediate and short term credits through the Federal Farm Loan Board and Canadian Mortgage Bank.

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Opinion of F. H. MARSH,

President of

The Bank of Toronto

Mr. F. H. Marsh, President of The Bank of Toronto, in his annual report, said:

"The people of Canada are possessed of the ability to think clearly when aroused to the point of being concerned about any subject. There is then little to fear in contemplating our national future if people stop to consider what a socialistic form of Government would mean. The common sense of most Canadians, including labor, who would not be immune but would also have to conform to such a system and its regimentation, will, I am confident, remain proof against any such plans as would overturn Canada's entire system of individual freedom in growing, producing, manufacturing, marketing, export, import, wholesale and retail trading, banking, investment and ownership.

"Totalitarian Government and regimentation is what our sons are fighting against while the advocates of socialism are trying to have that very form of Government placed in control of Canada.

"There are many hundreds of thousands of Canadians who own their farms or homes; there are the owners of 5,000,000 bank accounts and some 4,000,000 people who own life insurance policies, all of whom are in reality capitalists.

"Such ownership is the result of years of toil and thrift in a free country. It represents the stake that men hope to hand down to their widows and children, whose safe future is their keenest human desire. In the rural parts of Canada especially, I believe, this heritage of home and ownership and freedom and the right to pass it on will be held with determination and tenacity, and will never be surrendered in favor of any socialistic, centralized state control of property and civil rights.

"It is reasonable to suppose, in contemplating the future, that these millions of people will not be dormant where their own interests are affected, and when they realize what socialism means in the way of totalitarian power."

SMALL BUSINESSES MUST BE PRESERVED

Mr. Marsh, in his report, emphasized the important contribution small industries would make in the post-war period. He pointed out the importance of the smaller businesses in relation to the life of the towns and villages throughout Canada. He said:

"It is generally known that post-war planning of a constructive nature is under way on the part of governments and large scale enterprises, but there is some question as to whether the medium sized and smaller concerns are able to do much in this direction under the present tax structure. Many of them started with little after the last war, and in the relatively prosperous twenties built up adequate working capital, which was seriously depleted by losses in the depression of the early thirties. During the 1936-39 period, profits were comparatively small. The basing of standard profits on the average of these years has resulted in many instances in little being left to build up the cash reserves necessary to effect the change from wartime to peacetime conditions, thus making it essential that definite assurance by way of tax adjustments or other remedial measures be provided. I believe that an early announcement of governmental policy in this respect would be most helpful.

"Clearly the job of industrial conversion cannot effectively be undertaken by concerns which, though possessed of well-equipped plants, experience and organization, are without the working capital which is essential to forward

•WAR DIARY• Convention Faces Many Problems of Farming Industry

Under-Consumption Problem, Says de la Warr—Consider Relations With A.F.U.

Jan. 20th.—Russians take Novgorod; German forces west of Leningrad threatened with encirclement; Fifth Army takes Minturno.

Jan. 21st.—Russian Baltic fleet freed; Red Army takes Mga, giving Leningrad more direct rail connection with Moscow; other forces 9 miles from Krasnogvardeisk, rail junction controlling Nazi escape route to Estonia. Berlin hit by biggest raid so far, R.A.F., R.C.A.F. drop over 2,300 tons bombs; large force U.S. bombers raids Calais area in day; 35 aircraft lost from all operations. U.S. submarines sink 12 Jap vessels.

Jan. 22nd.—New Allied landing south of Rome. Over 2,000 tons bombs dropped on Magdeburg by R.A.F., R.C.A.F.

Jan. 23rd.—Allied forces widen beachheads, between Nettuno and Terracina; thrust several miles inland; Allied air force bombs Calais area. Russians five miles from Krasnogvardeisk.

Jan. 24th.—Reinforcement, supplies, pour into new Italian front; allies take Nettuno, advance north, south, east. U.S. bombers raid objectives in north and west Germany. Russians take Pushkin, Pavlovsk, south of Leningrad. Eisenhower commands U.S. forces in European theatre (is also commander Allied expeditionary force). U.S. bombers raid Paramushiro, second time in four days.

Jan. 25th.—Allies push 12 miles inland from Nettuno-Anzio beachhead. Russians drive Nazis south from Leningrad towards Vitebsk. Allied bombers carry out two raids across Channel by daylight. British make small gains in Burma. U.S. bombers raid Rabaul, 27th time in 33 days; 51 Jap planes reported shot down in 2 days. Britain, U.S., will not recognize new Bolivian government; believe coup was aided by German agents.

Jan. 26th.—German defences stiffen against new Italian beachhead; Fifth Army recrosses Rapido. Russians take Krasnogvardeisk. Soviet investigators say Germans massacred 11,000 Poles in Katyn Forest, in spring of 1942. Chinese-American bombers attack Jap convoy off Foochow, sink 5 vessels. Argentina breaks off relations with Axis powers. British war costs now \$59,625,000 daily.

Jan. 27th.—Germans now driven 40-60 miles from Leningrad; Russians cross Luga, west of Novgorod. Allies turn back German offensive near Littoria. Argentina immobilizes merchant fleet.

Jan. 28th.—Washington and London reveals Japanese torture, starvation, murder, neglect of prisoners of war. Berlin raided for 12th time; 34 R.A.F., R.C.A.F., aircraft lost. Germans lose 50 planes in 24 hours, over Italy and southern France. Alexander says battle south of Rome "going wonderfully". Russians take Volosovo, Tosno; only 39 miles from Estonia.

planning and to the continuance of operations, during any disruption of business following the cessation of war production.

"These smaller manufacturers and traders, scattered throughout the length and breadth of the country, furnish an important backbone of employment. A recent study of industry made under government direction shows that as of the year 1941, there were 170,903 establishments in the manufacturing, wholesale and retail fields, and that no less than 161,904 or 94 per cent of these were small businesses, employing less than 15 persons each, the total number employed by them being 529,626 persons. They are not only important in the aggregate, but are essential in the life of the towns and villages throughout Canada."

Manifesting in its decisions at once a practical interest in problems of the farm people of the most intimate local and Provincial character, and a sense of the broad setting of national and world affairs in which alone it is possible to see clearly the nature of the tasks facing our Western agriculture, the Annual Convention of the U.F.A., whose early decisions were reported in our last issue, made constructive contributions to the solution of those problems.

Further evidence of the increased concern among farmers and farm women with their position as the most important body of consumers in Canada was reflected in a resolution urging the Dominion Government "to make available to the National Research Council sufficient funds to increase its field to take in all consumer goods with a view to establishing a standard of values for farm consumer goods, and that they make available the comparative values of all different brands."

The delegates had the rare opportunity to learn something of the conditions under which their fellow farmers of Great Britain are carrying on when Lord De La Warr, chairman of the Agricultural Research Council of the United Kingdom, addressed the Convention briefly. Not over-production, but under-consumption, he declared, is the problem which farmers have to face. If the price of wheat were driven down the price of other world commodities follows, he said, and the purchasing power upon

Jan. 29th.—Berlin again raided by heavy R.A.F., R.C.A.F. force, 47 bombers missing; Frankfurt target day raid 800 U.S. heavy bombers. Russians cut Leningrad-Vitebsk railway west Lake Ilmen.

Jan. 30th.—U.S. bombers carry powerful attack to Brunswick, Hanover, by day. Russians now 17 miles from Estonian border. Fifth Army within mile of Cassino; Allied airmen destroy 63 Nazi planes over Italy; six divisions put ashore on new bridgehead. Marshalls bombed by U.S. task forces, second successive day. German victory necessary to save Europe from Bolshevism, says Hitler in anniversary broadcast.

Jan. 31st.—R.A.F. strikes Berlin, third raid in four nights; 33 planes lost in all operations. British warships shell German transport moving north from Fifth Army front to new bridgehead. Russians approach Kingisepp; other forces less than 60 miles from Latvian border. Washington announces sinking 14 Jap ships. Tokyo says "army and navy" forces defending Marshall Islands.

Feb. 1st.—Russians take Kingisepp; advance forces reported at Estonian border. U.S. troops have established beachheads on two of Marshall Island group, now reported. Rabaul bombed. Allied troops reach Campoleone, 16 miles from Rome, and Cisterna, on Apennine Way; Canadians with Eighth Army advance on Adriatic front; Allies bomb Trieste refinery. Bombs dropped on Berlin during January total ten and one-half tons. U.S.S.R. grants to 16 constituent republics right to formulate own foreign policy.

Feb. 2nd.—Heavy fighting on Marshall beachheads; 30,000 men said landed, with big guns, supported by large naval and air force. Berlin raided by Mosquitoes. Advances scored on all three Italian fronts, reinforcements landing; German counter-attack repulsed, enemy said massing forces; several vessels sunk in enemy convoy in Aegean; 17,000 tons dropped by Allied airmen in Mediterranean area, January; is record. Nazis, inside Estonian border, within Russian artillery range; German lines penetrated in Ukraine.

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which industry depends is destroyed. The basis of future world trade would be found in a prosperous agriculture throughout the world.

Eugene O'Neil Vice-President

Nominated for Vice-President were J. K. Sutherland, Hanna; Eugene O'Neil, Woodhouse; Emil Cammaert, Tudor; Hugh Allen, Hualien, and Andrew Wood, Dewberry. All except Mr. Sutherland and Mr. O'Neil withdrew, and Mr. O'Neil was elected.

Relations With Farmers' Union

The subject of relations with the Alberta Farmers' Union was dealt with in a detailed resolution submitted by the Board. The resolution traced the 35 years of activity by the U.F.A. in organizing the farm people and presenting their policies to Governments; and in organizing "many co-operatives in the marketing and consumer fields, which have been of incalculable benefit to their members and all other farmers." After stressing the importance of the work done in the organization of farm women and young people, the resolution set forth that "So great has been the influence of the farm organization and so valuable the tradition built up, that large numbers of our members have indicated that they will not surrender this tradition nor give up the name under which it has been achieved to effect amalgamation with another body.

"In recent years," stated the resolution, "under the Alberta Farmers Union formerly known as the United Farmers of Canada (Alberta Section) a large body of farmers have shown their unwillingness to join the old farm organization by enrolling under a different banner. It has been officially declared by the A.F.U. that their organization is organized and must continue to be organized, on trade union principles and the Union has consistently advocated direct action in the use of the strike weapon. Officials and members of the A.F.U. have publicly announced adherence to the view that a union of farmers should not carry on co-operative trading activities. There appears to be little chance at the present that any large section of the members would join hands with the United Farmers of Alberta under that name.

"The situation is that we have two farmers' primary organizations in this province, doing much the same type of work on behalf of farmers, and efforts extending over three years to bring the two bodies of farm people together have so far failed. There are (Continued on page 9)

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Plan For International Trade Between Co-ops.

(Co-op. League News Service)
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certain sections of the United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers Union who are not willing to merge with the other body at present. These elements in our respective organizations are both valuable and necessary to our success in organizing farmers. Amalgamation in one body under one name will only be effective if and when there has developed a natural adhesion and unity of thought and action. This does not now exist.

Both Affiliates of A.F.A.

"Both organizations are affiliates of the Federation of Agriculture. It has been recognized by all the farmers' commercial bodies affiliated in the Alberta Federation, and thereby in the national organization, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, that the special activity of farmers' primary organizations is to organize farmers in local groups where they live, to give effective support to co-operative enterprise and to the policies of organized agriculture, especially as they find expression through the Federation.

"We can each play a part in shaping the policy of provincial and federal governments by our representations. We can contribute to the understanding of agricultural problems on the part of boards of commissioners, royal commissions and other such bodies. We can protect and advance the interests of agriculture in relation to commercial, industrial and financial institutions. We can influence public opinion among other classes toward a more favorable attitude on questions affecting farm people.

"We therefore recommend: first, that instead of spending valuable time of both farm bodies at official meetings and conventions and in discussions at members' meetings, attempting to force the amalgamation, we recognize the necessity for developing greater fundamental unity; second, that the two organizations continue their work on behalf of the farm people with the maximum unity of purpose and that their executive committees meet at least once each year, preferably more often, and through consultation and association co-ordinate their educational objectives and that every effort be made to present a common front in approaching other bodies in the interests of agriculture."

On motion of Henry E. Spencer of Edgerton the words "with the ultimate aim of amalgamation" were added to the last sentence of the resolution, which was then adopted.

OTTAWA LETTER

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will be further extended, the one concrete plan promised in the program is the payment of gratuities to members of the forces when they are demobilized. General post-war planning, however, has been given definite shape and promise through the creation of three new departments of the government, one looking after Veterans' Affairs, another Reconstruction, and the third Social Welfare.

Reconstruction covers the whole field of changing over industry from war to peace-time activities. The actual physical conversion of plants and the prospects of demand for peace-time products have been under careful study and this study will continue. The new Industrial Development Bank, a subsidiary of the Bank of Canada, will aid small and medium enterprises with credit and capital. The basis on which this bank will operate bears some resemblance to plans for the use of funds of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in the United States. There will also

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Monday through Thursday: 3:15, CBC Songs for You.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 9:15, Alberta Farm and Home Forum (CKUA-CFCN).

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Afternoon and Evening Programs: Mon.: 2:30, Intermediate School Music; 3:00, Invitation to the Waltz; 4:15, CBC Mirror for Women; 4:30, Your Home and You; 4:45, Masters of the Piano; 5:00, CBC Violin Recital; 6:00, Dinner Music; 6:15, Community League; 6:30, CBC Peter and the Pygmies; 6:45, Curtain Going Up; 8:15, Tenor and Baritone; 8:30, CBC Farm Forum; 9:30, French Corres. I and II; 10:00, Sign Off.

Tuesday: 2:30, Light Concert Music; 2:45, Siesta Time; 4:15, CBC Headline History; 4:30, Book Chat; 4:45, Light Opera Parade; 5:00, CBC Music Programme; 6:00, Victor Record Album; 6:30, Alberta Adult Education; 8:15, Nationals Program; 8:30, Evening Music; 8:45, Our People's Business; 9:00, CBC Of Things to Come; 9:30, CBC Drama; 10:00, Sign Off.

Wednesday: 2:30, Heroes of Civilization; 2:45, In Military Mood; 4:15, CBC Better Canadians; 4:30, Your Health; 4:45, Violin Virtuosi; 5:00, CBC Rendezvous with Rhythm; 5:15, CBC Headquarters Report; 6:00, Dinner Music; 6:15, Week-end Review; 6:30, CBC Peter and the Pygmies; 6:45, Educational Forum; 7:45, Behind the Headlines; 8:15, Consumers' League; 8:30, Theatre Time; 9:30, French I and II Corres.; 10:00, Sign Off.

Thursday: 2:30, Elementary School Music; 3:00, Invitation to the Waltz; 4:30, University Quiz; 5:00, CBC Violin Recital; 6:00, Dinner Music; 6:15, Gateway News; 6:30, Concert in Miniature; 6:45, These Make History; 8:15, Chats to Farm People (C.F.W.A.); 8:30, Choose Your World; 8:45, Music to Remember; 9:00, CBC Drama; 9:30, French Adult Education; 10:00, Sign Off.

Friday: 2:30, Heroes of Civilization; 2:45, Musical Interlude; 3:00, CBC National School Broadcast; 4:15, CBC Prairie Comments; 4:30, Women on the Air; 4:45, Band Entertainers; 5:00, CBC Musical Program; 6:00, Victor Record Album; 6:30, TBA; 6:45, Alberta—Its Stories and History; 8:15, Co-ops are on the Air; 9:00, French III Correspondence; 9:30, CBC Music from the Pacific; 10:00, Sign Off.

Saturday: 11:00, Home and Country; 11:30, Junior Farm Forum; 1:14, CBC News; 12:00, CBC Metropolitan Opera; 3:00, Sign Off.

Feb. 4th and 18th, the University's Student Presentation, Friday 8:30-9:00 p.m.
Feb. 11th and 26th—the Women's Musical Club, Friday 8:30-9:00 p.m.

be tax changes to assist the enterprises. Provision will also be made for export credits to aid trade.

Social Security and Provinces

In the wide field of social security, which has vastly extended its horizons since the war began, in the minds of practically all people, there is the definite promise of family allowances. This has been forecast and discussed for some time. Health insurance and an increase in old age pensions seem also close at hand, but social security matters come under the jurisdiction of the Provinces, and any national plan which would encompass the measures already in force will be discussed at conferences with the Provinces. A housing program on a wider scale than plans hitherto adopted will be put into effect by legislation.

All these preparations for the future, encouraging though they are, are predicated on an allied victory. Unless we win they will be ashes in our hands. The primary work of Parliament, as strongly urged at the opening of the session, must be the winning of the war, and into this we must throw all our energies and resources, for the foe is still strong and far from being beaten to his knees.

The need for more machinery on the farms was emphasized in the report of the committee on war expenditures, tabled in the Commons at the opening

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of the session. The report stated that the production of new machines both in Canada and the United States was reduced in 1943 to about one quarter of the base year 1940. The program for 1944 has, however, already been raised to 89.5 per cent of 1940, but with the further improvement in the supply of essential raw materials there will probably be a further increase in the 1944 output. The major problems facing the farm machine manufacturing industry are: (1) shortage of malleable castings due to war production; (2) shortage of ball and roller bearings; (3) shortage of seasoned fir and oak required, and (4) shortage of experienced manpower. The report mentioned that Canada produces slightly under one-half the needed farm machinery supplies, and imports the rest from the United States. In regard to Canada's manufacture, about 20 per cent of the farm implement and farm machinery supplies is made from parts and materials imported from the United States, with the result that only about 38 per cent of Canadian farm machinery supplies are produced in Canada.

Groff New Secretary of C.F.A.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture has been holding its annual meeting in Quebec City. It has now a membership of about 350,000, representative of about half the farms of Canada. It is stated here that the influence of this organization on agricultural policies of Dominion and Provinces is sure to increase. The President of the organization, H. H. Hannam, is said by agricultural authorities to have created a very favorable impression in all circles by his broad understanding of agricultural problems throughout the Dominion. From the beginning of February, Colin Groff,

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The mild weather of this early winter has certainly been a blessing, especially with the shortage of coal. And now so many of us have grown accustomed to cars as a means of locomotion, distances have a tendency to accentuate themselves when they are measured by horse-drawn vehicles.

Glory of Natural Beauty

And there has been another outstanding feature of some of these winter days, and that has been the sheer beauty of them. Sometimes it may have been the beauty of dawn—and we did not have to be an extremely early riser to see the sun up on the short winter mornings, especially when we have the daylight saving schedule. Sometimes there were whole days when the beauty of nature seemed almost breath-taking. Every bush, every tree, every common-place stick and pole was silvered with a coating of frosty crystals which sparkled in the sun. Or possibly it was the beauty of the sunset—sometimes a wealth of vivid coloring and at other times pastel shades melting into each other.

Each one of us must have some particular picture we treasure in our memory. Possibly a morning scene when the sun tinted the frosty picture with a faint rose. Or perhaps it was a belated moon with its attendant star still shining in the sky, while in the East was the glory of the rising sun. Yet again it may be of the still, quiet beauty of the night, with the stars a-sparkle over the great expanse of snow stretching to the horizon. True, toes may tingle and fingers get clammy if we have chores which take us outside so we can the better see. Fortunately it is the thought of the beauty which remains.

Often and often I think we farm people must give our sincere sympathy to those in other lands whose farms and homes are being fought over and burned over and otherwise robbed of what, to the people who lived there, was their beauty. How grateful we can be that we are not in the path of that terrible cyclone, war.

The Most Useful Gift

I had been thinking with gratitude of all this beauty when I came across a comment by a writer who said something to the effect that mankind walked blindfold through beauty. He went on to say that men who commented thereon to any extent were called "sissy". Surely, by the way, there is one place where we women have it over the men, is it not? But, he went on to say that some see the beauty of a tree, some of well-tilled fields, or sunrise or sunsets, flowers or the sea or good-looking people or a good dog or horse. Then he added that he thought his father had given them a more useful gift than money, health or even a good name, and that was the realization of how beautiful the world is.

Sometimes it is the beauty of Nature quite unassisted by man that we enjoy. Sometimes man or woman wisely plays a part and assists. I thought of that the other day when I heard the radio, "The roses all have left her cheek", and I thought what a blessing it is that so many restore those roses or perhaps introduce them. And how differently we considered that assistance not so many years ago! There may be some of us too slack and some who feel that it is wiser not to call attention to other

defects. But on the whole, how much pleasure it has added by improved appearance.

Is it not true that our prayer should be, "Open our eyes that we may see." See the beauty that is around us and make life fuller and richer for us.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

U.F.W.A. Directors

U.F.W.A. Directors for 1944 were elected by the recent annual convention as follows:

Acadia, Mrs. J. K. Sutherland, Hanna; Athabasca, Mrs. W. Lyons, Westlock; Battle River, Mrs. W. C. Taylor, Edgerton; Bow River-W. Calgary, Mrs. W. Barker, Calgary; Camrose, Mrs. Lehman, Camrose; Jasper-Edson-W. Edmonton, Mrs. M. L. Stetson, Fort Saskatchewan; Lethbridge, Mrs. Anne Peters, Lethbridge; Macleod-E. Calgary, Mrs. R. R. McBride, Arrowwood; Medicine Hat, Mrs. Percy Powell; Peace River North, Mrs. Lorne Harris, Berwyn; Peace River South, Mrs. V. C. Flint, Beaverlodge; Red Deer, Mrs. Geo. Inglis, Penhold; Wetaskiwin, Mrs. Ray Carter, Ponoka. The directorship for Vegreville is to be filled.

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Farm Women Today and Yesterday

Reflections on the U.F.W.A. Convention

By AMELIA TURNER SMITH

"DEMOCRACY in action!" says someone sneeringly, when a meeting fumbles with a resolution, or, on an impulse, makes what may seem to the speaker the wrong choice in an election. And doubtless one looking for fumbling and for mistakes would have found them in the U.F.W.A. Convention; after all, we are only learners in the practice of democracy.

But the important question is not, do we make mistakes? But, are we making progress?

Looking over the gathering of women in the Oval Room of the Palliser, it occurred to me that it would be interesting to try to compare these women and their lives and their organization with the farm women of a hundred years ago.

I recalled what I knew of my own great-grandmother, who in 1844 was the wife of a Dorsetshire farmer and the mother of a growing family. She could read a little, but could not write. She was relatively fortunate because the farm was a good one and there was always enough to eat. But what would she have made of the address of Dr. Siemens, on nutrition? What would she have thought of resolutions on state medicine and state dental care for all children? Dental care in her experience was limited to going to a doctor to have a tooth pulled out after it had ached unbearably for long enough to justify the extravagance.

My great-grandmother subscribed unquestioningly to the doctrine that woman's place is in the home. What with cooking over an open fire, and spinning, knitting and sewing by hand, and washing over a washboard, and skimming milk from flat pans, and churning, and minding babies, there was plenty there to occupy her from daylight to dark, and longer. Politics was something that her husband and some of the more aggressive of his neighbors were beginning to talk over occasionally, but it was chiefly a matter for the big landlords and certainly not her concern.

That war was under human control at all had perhaps never occurred to her (incidentally, we in 1944 have made no effective use of our knowledge); if she ever thought of the question it was no doubt to echo the sentiment of the girl in the song, "Oh, if I were Queen of France, or still better, Pope of Rome. I'd have no fighting men

abroad, No weeping maids at home." But, even at that time, the Crimean war, in which at least one of her sons was to fight, was already growing in the womb of time.

A hundred years have passed; not a long time, in the history of the world; and we have such an event as the annual convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta. Ninety farm women leave their homes to temporary control, and travel sometimes long distances, to practice democracy; to study conditions and affairs that affect them, their homes and families; to express on those matters the will of the many other women throughout the Province whom they represent, and to take back to those other women the knowledge and inspiration they have gained from the week's addresses and discussions.

Of course the Convention represented real effort, and a great deal of work, and thought and study. It meant for many working double tides at home, before and after, to make up for absence. It meant hours of hard work in preparing resolutions, and in writing the excellent reports by the conveners of the various topics especially selected by the U.F.W.A. for study; it meant hard work during the time of the Convention for the presiding officers, and the committees who looked after the conduct of the business. But every indication of appearance and manner showed that it was effort made ungrudgingly, in the full knowledge that it was important that the farm women should make their contribution to the functioning of democracy.

Of the conveners' and directors' reports, it is only possible here to say that they contained a great wealth of interesting and valuable material. Mrs. Carter's report on war work, for instance, showed that in 1943 U.F.W.A. Locals had contributed \$1,644.12 cash to the Red Cross and war charities, and \$505 to the Prisoners of War Fund; and the 3,016 articles made by members of the Locals reporting to Central Office included 171 quilts. Mrs. Ross's survey of Federal Legislation is most useful and comprehensive. Mimeographed copies of the reports have been supplied to U.F.W.A. Locals and I understand that further copies can be secured at a nominal cost of 25 cents for the set.

As Eugene O'Neil remarked in his address to the Women's Convention, the Junior Locals throughout the country depend a great deal on the U.F.W.A. for assistance; and, reflecting their general interest in the organization of the young people, Junior work was given a leading place on the agenda. A valuable discussion, to which Eugene O'Neil and Keith Rosenberger, Vice-President, contributed, followed the report presented by Mrs. Lowe.

The short morning talks of Dean Smye, of the Pro-Cathedral in Calgary, were warmly appreciated. In one of these talks, Dean Smye referred to the responsibility of German women for the present war, in their nourishing of resentment over the defeat in 1914-1918. On the other hand, the women of Britain by their whole-hearted efforts were winning this war, he declared.

The responsibility of the farm women to their own industry and to the country was stressed by President Robert Gardiner, in his address to the convention. Progress, he declared, depends on co-operation of men and women.

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conducting a successful Local, Mrs. Ross, in her Presidential address, emphasized the desirability of having a program planned and arranged for beforehand.

Among the addresses heard with close attention and great interest by the delegates were one by Dr. L. Siemens, of the Lamont Health Unit, on nutrition; others by Donald Cameron, M.Sc., Director of the University Department of Extension, on "Whither Agriculture" (which the delegates asked to have printed); by Mrs. E. G. Mason, of the Red Cross; by Miss Betty Myrick, assistant secretary of the Alberta Section of the National Farm Radio Forum; and by Mrs. N. MacDonald, supervisor of women's

extension work for the Provincial Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Winifred Ross, of Millet, was unanimously re-elected to a fifth term as president; Mrs. M. E. Lowe, Namoo, and Miss Molly Coupland, Lethbridge, were chosen as vice-presidents. Mrs. Ross presided during the sessions, assisted by Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. E. A. Wagler. Retirement of Mrs. Wagler from the office of vice-president, which she held last year, was the occasion of many expressions of regret.

Health and education, always foremost in the minds of the U.F.W.A., formed the subjects of a number of (Continued on page 14)



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C.F.A. CONVENTION (Continued from page 1)

to place itself on a self-sufficient basis in food production, and would always need to import substantially of food, but that in turn, if Canada were to supply much of these products to her, then Canada must be prepared to take certain other goods in return, so that Britain might be put in a position to pay for what she got.

Convention Resolutions

Resolutions of the Convention included a request for removal of all legal, institutional and fiscal obstacles to development of co-operatives, and also for a Federal Co-operative Act. A number of resolutions urged the Government to permit, where possible, the use of war materials, plants, hospital facilities, etc., for rural people when their war use is ended; also, the Convention recommended the establishment of a Board of Livestock Commissioners, a Dairy Commission, and the retention of certain subsidies in dairy products for a further period.

Officers Elected

H. H. Hannam, Toronto, was re-elected president; W. J. Parker, president of the Manitoba Wheat Pool, is first vice-president, and J. A. Marion, Quebec Unkon of Catholic Farmers, second vice-president. The executive also includes Lew Hutchinson, Calgary; R. S. Law, Winnipeg; J. H. Wesson, Regina; A. H. Mercer,

Neighborly Generosity

On the morrow of the prairie fire which, starting at Silver Springs, spread as far as Beddington, north of Calgary, damaging a number of properties there before it was extinguished, the Executive of Beddington U.F.A. Local at once started a fund among neighbors, and within a few days had raised \$712 for the family of A. Damkar (parents and three children) who had suffered serious losses in that district. *The Leader* learned from A. Bushfield, Local secretary. Further contributions were made by the Milk and Cream Producers' organization, and by others. Contributions were made by a number of farmers who had themselves suffered very substantial losses, James Cutt, Pete Barrett, H. Laycock. The Local is co-operating with the local Red Cross who are raising a fund for victims of the fire.

Scrap rubber, other than tires and tubes, is no longer required; and tires and tubes will be accepted by the Government's "Fairmont Company" only if freight is paid by shippers.

British Columbia; L. F. Burrows, of the Canadian Horticultural Council; and W. G. Oulton, Nova Scotia.

Mr. Hannam was appointed managing director and Colin G. Groff was appointed secretary.

The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The main feature of the current wheat situation is the continued winter drouth in the winter wheat regions of the United States and on the Canadian prairies. Heavy snows and rains will be needed in the Midwestern United States to enable the crop to stage a good recovery. In Western Canada the drouthy conditions during the fall and winter have not been equalled in half a century. Prospects for good grain crops next year are not very rosy. In view of the very large livestock population in North America, a serious situation might well develop unless the spring brings abundant and frequent rains.

The fine weather has aided the railways in moving wheat in Western Canada and the Wheat Board has been able to raise marketing quotas to a liberal degree at many points. Right now, the Board's complaint is that farmers are not taking advantage of the available space at many country points. The Board is anxious to place large quantities of grain in the terminals at Fort William and Port Arthur in readiness for the opening of navigation on the Great Lakes next spring.

U.S. Accumulating Feed

The United States may import 175 million bushels of Canadian feed grains, mostly wheat, in the calendar year 1944. Objection is being taken to the allocation of 200 U.S. cars a day to this movement by Congressmen from certain farm states, but the authorities are very anxious to accumulate as much feed grain as possible in view of the uncertainty of the 1944 crop.

The enormous reserves of wheat in the exporting countries are gradually disappearing. The worst of that situation seems to be passed. Stored up supplies of Canadian grain are likely to prove a valuable asset.

Settling of Canada's northern boundary will be made necessary by post-war civil aviation developments, and a conference between Canada, the U.S., Britain, and perhaps Russia and China, will shortly be held to deal with the question, says a Washington despatch.

From Jack Sutherland

The Western Farm Leader has received the following letter addressed to U.F.A. Members:

Hanna, February 1st, 1944.

Dear Fellow Members:

I want to give you my experience with the new long term membership plan of the U.F.A. After the chores were done in the morning I took the truck and went out canvassing for the Hanna Local. I drove hard as the farms are large and the population scattered. I visited 19 farms signing up twenty members—13 of them for five years. I got 2 good promises and was just turned down twice. There was no criticism anywhere of the U.F.A. The Hanna Local is going right out after every available member. If this can be done in the dry area it can be done in most parts of the Province. Fellow members, let us get out and give at least two days work to the Organization. Under the new plan this work is done for five years. Nearly everyone is in favor of it. The membership can be brought up.

Yours fraternally,

JACK SUTHERLAND.

Editor's Note: The Convention adopted a plan under which five years' membership may be obtained for \$4, an additional \$3 giving five years' membership for each female member of a household, and an additional fee of \$1 giving five years' membership to those in the family under 21.

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Feb. 2nd.—Trading has been active on good light butcher cattle and slow on heavier classes. Good to choice butcher steers are \$11.25 to \$12, common to medium \$8.50 to \$11; good to choice butcher heifers \$10.25 to \$11, common to medium \$8 to \$10; good cows \$6.75 to \$7, common to medium \$5 to \$6.50; canners and cutters \$3 to \$4.75; good bulls \$7 to \$7.50, common to medium \$5.50 to \$6.50; good to choice veal calves \$11 to \$11.50, common to medium \$8 to \$10.50 with good stocker and feeders steers \$9.50 to \$10.25, common to medium \$8 to \$9. Hogs are \$17.65 B1's for eastern shipment, others \$15.85 B1's.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, Feb. 2nd.—Prices have been steady under light receipts and an active market. Good to choice fed calves are \$11 to \$11.50; good to choice steers \$11 to \$11.75, common to medium \$6.50 to \$10.50; good to choice heifers \$10.25 to \$11, common to medium \$6.50 to \$9.50; good to choice light cows \$7.50 to \$8, heavy \$7 to \$7.50, common to medium \$4.50 to \$7; canners and cutters \$3.50 to \$4.50 and bulls \$5.50 to \$7.50. Good stocker and feeder steers are \$8 to \$9, heifers \$8 down and cows \$5 to \$7; good to choice handyweight veal calves are \$12 to \$13 down to a low of \$7 for heavy and common kinds. Basic price for hogs for coast shipment is \$16; locals and plants \$15.85 plus premium of \$3 on A's, \$2 on B1's; sows banned; feeders \$11 to \$11.50; good lights up to \$12. Good to choice handyweight lambs are \$10.75 to \$11.25 off trucks, \$11.25 to \$11.50 off cars, yearlings \$6.50 down and light ewes \$5.50 down.

The Dairy Market

Prices are all unchanged at the maximum, Toronto and Montreal being 35 cents with local prices standing at 35 cents for first grade prints and special grade butterfat at 32 plus 10 cents subsidy.

The ceiling price—35 cents—is still in effect at Vancouver for butter solids.

There will be no Federal General election this year, Prime Minister Mackenzie King announces.

About 1,500,000 Jews are serving in United Nations armed forces, according to figures obtained by Ben Ginsberg, K.C., of Calgary.

The practice by millers of imposing conditional sales of flour with sales of millfeed upon feed dealers, and, in turn, by feed dealers upon farmer customers, has now been prohibited by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Millions of civilians in Russia face actual starvation, states U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Wickard; food to non-combatants, he says, has been cut to the barest minimum, black bread being the main food and meat available only on rare occasions.

Deals With Control of Insect Pests

Concerned with the control of grasshoppers, wireworms, cutworms and wheat stem sawfly, a leaflet based on material prepared by the Division of Entomology, Dominion Department of Agriculture, is being issued by Dr. K. W. Neatby, of the North-West Line Elevators Association and distributed through line elevator grain buyers. Emphasis is placed on the methods of tillage and timing the various operations so as to discourage the spread of these pests. Incidentally, Dr. Neatby points out that insect control is also an important factor in fighting weeds, as, when stands of grain are thinned by cutworms or wireworms, weed growth is encouraged.

(Legal and Veterinary Answers held over.)

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Readers who have enjoyed "Mustard and Cress" in past years have not, of course, been aware that our gifted columnist's son, Lionel Cain (Sydney May is a pen name) has been responsible for getting the paper to them, having had a contract for addressing and mailing every issue of *The Western Farm Leader* since its inception—in fact his service dates back to the publication of *The United Farmer*. (Incidentally he has been rejected by the army on medical grounds.)

Just after the last issue went to press, a prairie fire which swept through the Silver Springs district west and northwest of Calgary, completely destroyed the small poultry farm owned by Lionel Cain and operated in co-operation with his father who lives with him. Dwelling, furniture, clothing, chicken-house, all hens but 26, and all equipment, supplies of feed, fuel, etc., were a total loss.

To give assistance in replacing the loss and if possible to restore the poultry farm to a producing basis, a fund was immediately started by *The Western Farm Leader*. This fund (administered by H. M. Hartney, manager Albertan Job Press, Ltd., and Mrs. Amelia Smith, of *The Leader*) is working in co-operation with the local Red Cross, who are raising a fund for all victims of the fire. Further contributions would be appreciated and should be mailed to the "Cain Fire Fund, *Western Farm Leader*, Calgary." They will be acknowledged in the paper.

Beginning of Fund

Actually the suggestion that *The Western Farm Leader* might open a fund through its columns, to assist in making good the damage and enabling the Cain poultry farm to be restarted came from Mr. George K. MacShane, President of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, who made the first of the contributions acknowledged below. Subscriptions to the fund were taken at *The Leader* table during the U.F.A. Convention, and announcement to this effect having been made to the delegates, there was a generous response, the sums acknowledged below being contributed:

G. K. MacShane, Red Deer, 2.00; H. S. Neis, 1.00; O. Rosenberger, Balzac, 1.00; W. T. A. Walker, Oyen, 1.00; Mrs. Cora Kerns, Acme, 1.00; J. M. Turnbull, 1.00; Chas. L. Watson, Picardville, 1.00; Eugene O'Neill, Woodhouse, 1.00; L. H. Fuller, Alliance, 1.00; J. M. Wheatley, Chancellor, 1.00; V. C. Flint, Beaverledge, 2.00; H. T. Colpoys, Strathmore, 1.00; V. J. Bertrand, Milo, 1.00; J. Storch and V. Montgomery, Morrin, 80c; Arne Notland, Morrin, 1.00; E. H. Cole, Endiang, 1.00; Mrs. H. C. Lund, Dowling, 1.00; C. T. Armstrong, Hussar, 5.00; Beddington U.F.W.A., Balzac, 5.00; Chris Riis, Blackfalds, 1.00; R. Alston, 25c; A. P. Hanson, Ponoka, 5.28; H.C.D., 2.00; Mrs. N. D. Lehman, 1.00; Mrs. Abbie Payne, 50c; T. H. Noad, Olds, 2.00; C. E. Brown, Owendale, 1.00; McCafferty U.F.W.A. Local, 1.00; Mrs. Hugh Allen, Hualien, 1.00; E. Blain, Hanna, 1.00; Mrs. P. J. Stuhlsatz, Br. Rainer, 1.00; Miss M. Rafn, Bon Accord, 1.00; Mrs. W. Ross, Millet, 1.00; C. Borgwardt, Box 819, N. Edmonton, 1.00; Jas. R. Stein, Vulcan, 1.00; H. J. Flock, Lethbridge, 1.00; J.K. Sutherland, Hanna, 1.00; W. Heath, Castor, 1.00; M. G. Gudlaugen, Clairmont, 1.00; E. A. Solberg, Ryley, 1.00; J. Fairweather, 1.00; E. Birch, U.F.A. Central Office, 1.00; I.G.T., 50c; H. E. Spencer, Edgerton, 1.00; J. G. Robertson, Camrose, 1.00; C. J. H. Dickau, Didsbury, 1.50; J. E. Brown, Castor, 1.00; E. Stennes, Idlesleigh, 50c; Verdant Valley Local No. 649, 1.00; M. O. Ames, Balzac, 1.00; A. J. Bettenson, Brownvale, 1.00; J. F. Freed, Bluesky, 1.00; R. Hennig, Ft. Saskatchewan, 2.00; Russell Johnston, Helmsdale, 1.00; G. E. Church, Balzac, 1.00; D. MacLeod, 25c; Mrs. Lyons, Westlock, 49c; Mrs. Smart, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. Stan-

U.F.A. Directors

The following directors were chosen at the recent Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta: Acadia, J. A. Cameron, Youngstown; Athabasca, C. Watson, Picardville; Battle River, A. B. Wood, Dewberry; Bow River-W. Calgary, G. E. Church, Balzac; Camrose, Carl P. Colvin, Sedgewick; Jasper Edson-W. Edmonton, Donald MacLeod, Lake Isle; Lethbridge, H. J. Flock, Lethbridge; Macleod-E. Calgary, M. H. Ward, Arrowwood; Medicine Hat, W. Armstrong, Bassano; Peace River N., W. J. Williams, Brownvale; Peace River S., Hugh Allen, Hualien; Red Deer, A. B. MacGorman, Penhold; Vegreville, R. Hennig, Fort Saskatchewan; Wetaskiwin, G. L. Pritchard, R.R. 2, Wetaskiwin.

Urge War Industries Be Made Public Utilities or Co-operatives After War

Pointing out that many industries now producing war-time essentials are owned or in large measure financed by the Dominion Government, and that when the war ends the problem of providing industrial employment will be acute, the U.F.A. Convention, by unanimous vote, suggested to the Dominion Government "that such industries and plants as can readily be adapted to the production of peace time requirements be not turned over to private interests to be operated on a profit basis, but rather be retained by the Government and operated either as public utilities or turned over to be operated on a co-operative basis."

WHAT CONVENTION DID (Continued from page 5)

ment of Agriculture for research work in diseases and breeding of swine and other animals.

Asked removal of three cent per gallon tax on gasoline used in tractors. Provided that U.F.W.A. and Juniors as well as U.F.A. shall have two directorates for Peace River, one North, one South.

Asked Dominion Government to conscript registered nurses and if possible doctors, to provide services for areas where there is serious shortage.

Approved of plan of National Health Insurance recommended by C.F.A.

Pressed for adequate representation of organized farmers on Board of Governors of the C.B.C.

Empowered Board to seek changes found expedient in act of incorporation of U.F.A. Central Co-operative.

Asked Alberta Government to meet 50 per cent of educational costs; endorsed measures to revise educational system and called for planning of "a more individual selective training of the student, emphasizing in particular character building."

Sought discontinuance of daylight saving time.

Urged increase of gas for municipal councillors.

Approved action of Dominion Government in setting up commission to see what returned men wish to do after war.

Requested W.P.T.B. to make adequate supply of salt available to farmers as soon as possible.

Urged provision of loans to young farmers at an age earlier enough to make attractive to them acquirement of ownership of land.

Expressed "thanks and appreciation to Mr. Sutherland for his many years of faithful service."

Took action upon various other matters of importance to agriculture.

ley Tiffin, 2.00; D. E. Widen, Duhamel, 1.00; Fred Wutzke, Maleb, 1.00; J. Frey, Arneson, 2.00; T. F. Fitzgerald, 1.00; W. W. Bridge, 1.00; A. B. Wood, 1.00; J. R. Oliver, Winnipeg, 1.00; Wm. Isaac, Consort, 1.00; W. J. Church, Balzac, 1.00; M. H. Ward, Arrowwood, 1.00; Tom Holley, Picardville, 2.00; Mrs. M. E. Lowe, R.R. 2, St. Albert, 1.00.

Sundry anonymous, 8.50.

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ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

C.A.D.P. SECTION

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7. Feeding Mash. — For feeding mash, provide at least 20 linear feet of hopper space open on both sides for each 100 birds. Place all feed hoppers in well lighted areas at right angles to the front of the house. Adequate light on the feed is essential to high egg production. Provide an abundant supply of clean water, at least 6 to 8 gallons daily for each 100 birds. Provide plenty of nests one for each 5 to 7 birds. Provide adequate roosting space over either a droppings board or pit.

8. Feed Hoppers. — Use feed hoppers constructed to prevent wastage. Do not fill hoppers too full. Place all water containers on slatted or wire platforms to keep birds from contact with litter which may become wet or contaminated.

9. Floor Space and Egg Production. — Egg production tends to decrease as floor space per bird decreases. Likewise mortality tends to increase in proportion to crowding. Use all layer houses to capacity, but if layers are crowded, provide deeper litter, more feeders, more waterers and better management.

(To be concluded next issue)

Creamery butter production in Canada in 1943—312,309,938 pounds—reached an all-time high.

The area of abandoned farms in Canada was five per cent less in 1941 than in 1931. The number of these farms in 1941 was 32,518.

Cut Gopher Population in Health Interest, Advised

Immediate steps to reduce the numbers of the Richardson ground squirrel (generally called prairie gopher) throughout southern Alberta, are strongly recommended by John H. Brown and G. Douglas Roy, of the University of Alberta, in a study published in a recent issue of *Scientific Agriculture*.—Since 1939 it has been known that these animals, and their fleas, carry bubonic plague infection, and that they may also spread spotted fever and tularemia to human beings.

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MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello Folks!

If this column isn't quite as snappy as usual we apologise in advance, but we have just witnessed the melancholy sight of seeing our chicken ranch go up in flames as a result of the prairie fire which swept through the Silver Springs district, just outside Calgary on January 19.

Incidentally the fire licked up everything we possessed, including all our collection of poems, stories, manuscripts, pictures, etc., that we had assembled during 30 years as a journalist and which can never be replaced.

However, many of our readers have come to our assistance through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, the publishers of this great family journal and to them all we hereby tender our heartfelt thanks. Had it not been for the prompt assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Smith this column would have been in one hell of a mess on the night of the fire.

This is a pretty tough leap year for the gals, all the nice eligible bachelors being overseas.

satisfy her requirements, as the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest remarks, we've still got a long whey to go.

Down east it is rumored that tobacco may soon be rationed. Maybe it's true. Where there's smoke there's fire.

WOULDN'T THIS SLAY YOU

Dear Musty: Note how easy it was for Mussolini to get rid of his son-in-law. I'll bet he couldn't get rid of his mother-in-law so easily.

Down in Toronto a man has been jailed for six months for stealing a dozen clocks. Now he'll have plenty of time to repent.

Yep, as Chuck of Chuckawalla states, the Japs may be good at jungle fighting, but they're not out of the woods yet.

LET'S MAKE SOMETHING OF IT!

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*Though they scatter death
With a fiery breath,
Their's is a mercy flight.*

*Swifter they fly than swallows;
Higher than eagles soar;
And freedom's song,
As they sail along,
Is heard in their engines' roar.*

*Death they may know, but never
Though they may grimly meet,
These men who fly
Through the trackless sky,
In death shall they know defeat.*

*Though hunched hands have stolen
The statue of Samothrace,
Its symbol stands
In all free lands
For there is its rightful place.*

*So our fliers sing as victors,
Free as the wild bird sings;
And immortal art
Still tells their part
That Victory has wings.*

However, Wally, our incurable bach, insists that if the boys were at home, they'd just be exchanging one war for another.

OH, THESE WOMEN

WIDOW, middle-aged farmer, retiring, would like to meet lady. Object matrimony. English descent. Box--
Personal ad in the Calgary Daily Herald.

Heck, there really must be a man shortage when the gals want to marry each other.

After the fire at our place there were a lot of chickens that hadn't a feather to fly with. Yep, it was a case of roast chicken everywhere and not a bite to eat.

THIS IS TERRIBLE

Despite the liquor shortage, nobody can be a tea-totaller these days.

And we have no hesitation whatever in saying that it is impossible to work up any flaming enthusiasm about a prairie fire.

News item says that Britain still wants more Canadian cheese. So to

FARM WOMEN'S CONVENTION

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resolutions passed by the delegates. Institution of state medicine was again called for; free dental examination and care for all children was urged; equalization grants for education, from the Federal to Provincial Governments, were advocated; an October 1st-June 30th school term, during the present emergency, was favored; Government assistance for the establishment of dormitories for high school students

in all school divisions was asked; and abolition of normal school fees, in view of the shortage of teachers, was proposed.

Dealing with a variety of other matters of importance to farm homes, resolutions were passed by the Convention as follows: asking for District Home Economists for the assistance of rural homes; requesting the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to give precedence to the manufacture of such necessary articles as children's underwear; asking that pint sealers be put back into circulation; suggesting that information regarding rationing be given at the beginning of the radio program "Household Councilor"; urging that reconstruction committees should have more women members; asking that old age pensions be given at 65 years; proposing that war veterans should be given old age pensions in addition to disability pensions, if the latter were not sufficient to provide the necessities of life; requesting that, in computing income tax, farmers be allowed \$25 monthly for boarding hired help.

It was agreed that the special U.F.W.A. war project should be the Prisoners of War fund. The delegates voted to elect two directors for Peace River constituency, and to choose Vice-Presidents in future from the whole Province instead of dividing it into north and south parts.

Altogether, a great deal of useful work was accomplished by this 29th convention of the United Farm Women of Alberta. The organization itself, and every woman taking part in it, through the knowledge and experience gained, has moved forward another step towards the attainment of a full and complete democracy.

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